

MAKING TRACKS



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A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU Finding joy in the journey



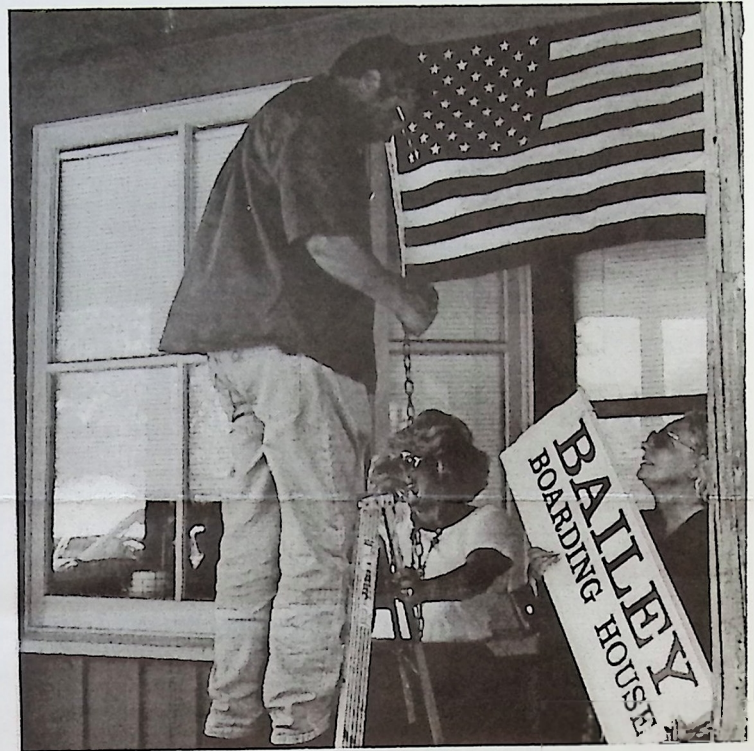
by Joyce Hailicka
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Butte Falls is what Oregon used to be. For those who find the rest of the country too fast, too impersonal, and too commercial - - - Butte Falls is a breath of fresh air.

In the not so distant past, Butte Falls, Oregon could not be found on most maps. Many people still thought "Butte Falls" was in Montana. "Sorry, we don't take out-of-state checks," was not uncommon to hear from a store clerk just 40 miles away.

Butte Falls finally earned its place on the map when 2,000 visitors arrived on September 14-15. Many attested to the fact that "Butte Falls was worth the trip!" This was the third time they've been here since 1994.

And as usual, the community of Butte Falls welcomed them with open arms and open hearts. The theme for this year's event came from the 1940's classic movie - - - "It's a Wonderful Life" thanks for the great job!



Volunteer services hours for Cycle Oregon totaled 2428 hours. Volunteers were given the opportunity to donate their hours to a non-profit organization of their choice. Twenty-three organizations were designated to receive a portion of a \$5,000 grant from Cycle Oregon. The formula used was the number of hours divided into the grand total. The rate determined by the formula was multiplied by the total hours donated to the organization. Checks will be sent to twenty-three organizations, along with certificates of appreciation.



from **TOUCHING A SEASON OF TIME: REVISITED**

Selections from a little book of stories, poems, and prose were written by students in the Butte Falls Schools in 1975. The book is called TOUCHING A SEASON OF TIME. All of the written material has been left as they were written. Correct spelling seemed secondary to the rich experiences the students shared with us. Each in their own personal way tells a bit of history. The project was made possible through support of the Jackson County E.S.D. under the direction then of Jeannette Paulson, David Zaslow and others. Note: Two of the young students in Ms. Paulson's program are teachers today - - - Dianne (Hailicka) Gorman and Leah Wattenburger. As teachers, we never know where our influence may lead.



"When almost like a dream the tree prepares to tell its story. History, too, needs to be told, and so it drops its seed, its fruit, its acorn; its story."

You know where Four Bit Creek got its name from? Four men, they took horses, over to Klamath Falls and they sold them for 2 hundred dollars. And they paid em off in four bit pieces. And they had the money in a sack. Well, before they got to Rancheria the Indians jumped em, see. This bunch of Indians knew that they had this money. They jumped them. And they chased them down there. And before the Indians caught up with this guy, he just chunked it and he threw it. He threw it right out in the creek, see. And he kep right on going. But they caught him and they killed him. They killed these four guys, but they never did find these four bit pieces that was in this creek see, cause they didn't see him throw em out. But anyway, when we was loggin up there we logged on the row of these four graves. And we protected em, see. We logged around em and left the trees around em to protect em. And one of those fellows name was Brian. But his folks come and got him after we got through loggin. But theres still three men buried there. And that's how Four Bit Creek got its name. About a half a dozen of them been found. And the only way to find em is when high water comes along. Either it washes em down or washes mud off of em.



Lou Geppert

as told to Butte Falls 4th grade (1975)

If I were a Takelma woman
I would have so many woodpecker
heads as beauty.

Thats what the Indians did for
beauty.

The men would get a woodpecker
and cut off its head. And give it to
a girl he loved.

The more boyfriend she had, the
more wookpecker heads she wore.
If she had too many woodpecker
heads she would put them on her
clothes.

Now days we have rings.
So the boyfriend would give a
ring
and thats the way it was.



Ramona Rambo
Butte Falls

There were 4 men. They were going to
prospect. They traded for 200 dollers in 4
bits if you dont know what 4 bits is it is 50
There were 4 men. They were going to
prospect. They traded cents. On the way
back the Indians attacked. One of the men
through the money in the creek. The
Indians didn't find the 4 bits.



Justeen Henshaw
Butte Falls

THE TAKELMA INDIANS

If I were a Takelma Indian I would like to see brother
coyote and sister coyote and all the wild animals and I
would like to see the acorn lady that came down from
mont mcloughlin and put part of her flesh on the trees
and the kids would gather them and I liked when the
story telling on Table Rock and when the kids would
ask to tell the story of brother coyote.



Leah Wattenburger
Butte Falls



MYSTERY PHOTO



Is There a Doctor in the House?

The following Mystery Photo was found along the Butte Falls Highway by one of the members of our clean-up crew for Cycle Oregon.

On the backside of the photo copy picture were the names of Edward Thompson Beeson (medical doctor) and Henry Beeson (medical doctor). Can you identify or tell us more about any of the people in this photo? Call Joyce at 865-3205.



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When they were little kids they would have to buy a bolt of cloth and they would all have the same type of print on their pants, on their dresses, on their shirts. When their long dresses are too short they have to put parts of flour bags on it. They would go to town about 2 times a year. They could tell the same family because they wore the same print.



Leah Wattenburger
Butte Falls

The fish in the pond
seem to be saying
It's a wonderful day
The trees seem to answer
Yes it is.



Dianne Hailicka
Butte Falls

THE YARN

Ellen taught me how to make yarn. There were big lumps of the yarn. The yarn was made of wool. The wool is made into yarn by quite a few companies. The yarn is used for knitting. Indians made yarn too. The Indians used the yarn to make hats. The yarn hangs from the leather sometimes. The Indians eat goats and make yarn from goats and mountain sheep.



John Hunt
Butte Falls

If things were alive and could talk I wonder what all the wonderful things they could say? It would probably be wonderful and when I go to sleep the wind would blow softly and make lovely music and before I go to bed I will count all the woodpecker heads and take one last look at the forest till morning. I dreamed that they could talk and when the moon came up the wise people would come out and tell us stories and we would ask to tell the stories of brother coyote and sister coyote and all the other animals.



Liz Mitchell
Butte Falls

THE BOWL AND SPOON: Once there was a man who made a very pretty bowl and spoon. He made the bowl and the spoon from silver and copper. The bowl and spoon had many uses. The bowl was used for a cup to drink from and to eat from. The spoon could be used for a stirring spoon. The man kept it all his life.



Janis Vorbeck
Butte Falls

Birds are my brother and sister.
Brother and sister coyote are my friends.
The trees deer and bears,
elk and water, sun moon.
The night and day too.
and fish and even people.
and the dinky dinky people
and the acorn women.



Ben Myers
Butte Falls

The Takelma Indians were very unusual. They would give the girls wood pecker heads. They thought coyote was their brother.



Denise Fortner
Butte Falls

The water is beautiful.
The beautiful trees blowing in the wind.
The birds singing songs.
When the rain is falling it makes drum sounds.
The flowers blooming in the spring.
The leaves falling off the trees.
And people singing pretty songs.
The water flowing through the rocks.



Kenny Myers
Butte Falls

If I was Brother Coyote I would walk around Bear Creek and if pitch was in my tree I would bite it out and get in my Oke Tree for the winter then in spring I would try to get out but I was too fat.



Brian Dufour
Butte Falls



GOD'S MINUTE

*I have just a tiny minute
Only sixty seconds in it.
Forced upon me, can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it,
Just a very tiny minute,
But eternity is in it.*

Anonymous



Thank you Cory Hamann for the fine job planning and organizing the Patrick McManus show at North Medford High. We had an excellent turnout. Fifteen percent of the proceeds went to the BBHS Endowment Fund.

"The future has a way of arriving unannounced."

— GEORGE F. WILL



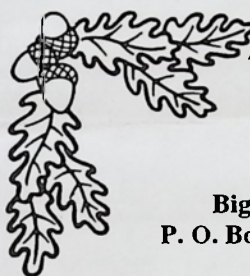
Pictured: Gloria Karches presented with plaque of appreciation for work in the Children's Garden.

*It has been said: "The past lays the foundation.
The present shapes our sensibilities.
And the future, we can only hope to glimpse."*

Making Tracks is a quarterly newsletter sponsored by the Big Butte Historical Society. It is designed to keep you up to date on happenings at the museums. It is also intended to bring you new perspectives and pleasures in understanding the important role history continues to play in our community's past, present, and future.

We depend on you and your membership support. If you haven't sent in your annual membership form, please take this opportunity to do so today. Membership is only \$5.00 a year. Thank you.

Joyce Hailicka, Chairperson



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Now that you heard about BBHS, why not get to know us even better by becoming a volunteer! We'll look forward to having you join us!

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Here's how I can be of help:

_____ I'd like to _____

_____ Tell me more about being a board member.

_____ I could be a guest speaker. My topic: _____

_____ I'd like to help with fundraising efforts.

_____ I do not have time to volunteer at this time but I would like to make a monetary contribution to this organization.